

Salt Lake City, U. T., March 17, 1868.

*Bishop*

DEAR BROTHER

To enable us to carry into effect the instructions of the First Presidency, (a copy of which you will please find enclosed,) in outfitting and forwarding five hundred Teams to the terminus of the U. P. R. R. for the purpose of bringing in the Poor expected from Europe and the United States this summer, it will be necessary that every Latter-day Saint in the Territory, who has it in his or her power, to lend a helping hand.

You will have to furnish Teams, either four yokes of Oxen "or their equivalent in strength in Mules or Horses," to each wagon, with good and trusty Teamsters, and Mounted Guard, all armed and equipped for a journey of from sixty to seventy days, from this City and back, with Clothing, Provisions, Fire Arms, Ammunition, Shoes and Nails for Animals, Picks, Spades, Saws, Axes, Ropes, &c., complete, without the least expectation of receiving assistance from any other source. You will also have to furnish Flour and pounds Meat, either on foot or cured, (if on foot to be driven in loose herds,) also Dried Fruit, Cheese, Vinegar, Beans, Peas, Pickles, Dried Corn, Salt, &c., &c., in proportion to the Flour and Meat required. All these articles are for the immigrants and must be furnished in addition to the outfit of the Teamsters and Guards.

The Companies are expected to start from this City about the 15th of June next. The Teamsters, Guards, Teams, Outfit, Provisions for the Poor, &c., must be such as will bear strict inspection in every particular before leaving.

In due time you will be advised as to who will be the Captain in charge of the Company in which your Teams will be numbered.

The necessities of the case will require a strong and united effort to accomplish this great and good undertaking and from the past liberality of the Saints we feel assured that they will cheerfully respond to this call.

Please acknowledge the receipt of these instructions, and to prevent delays you should complete your arrangements immediately, and forward to us by mail a detailed report of every article furnished in kind and value, that the people, through the General Tithing Office, may receive their faithful credits in full of their tithing.

Latter-day Saints: You have for years past been doing a great and noble work in helping the Poor from the confines of wretchedness and want, and at the earnest appeal of President Young are now donating Thousands to help bring many others to the terminus of the Railroad, for doing all which, coupled with an increasing anxiety on your part to build up the Kingdom of God, Heaven will most abundantly reward as a good thing from you.

Praying God to bless you and all faithful Saints to remain

Your Obedient Servant,

